



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1771

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For: CARBON FIBER COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 16, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-10 and 23-29 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 and 23-29 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Fisher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,203,814) in view of Brennan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,523). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Applicants assert that Fisher and Brennan, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a carbon nanofiber substantially uniformly dispersed in the elastomer, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 7, 8, 27 and 28.

The July 16, 2007 Office Action again erroneously asserts that, "Fisher teaches at column 7, lines 10-18 that carbon fibers are easily dispersed in the elastomer composition."